per information available there were 19 companies which were in default with the erstwhile SDFC for repayment of their loans/interest as on 31-1-1987. SDFC had been pursuing regarding recovery of their dues from these companies and in 7 cases legal proceedings had been initiated by them. In 3 cases, SDFC had issued legal notices.

(b) The rights and privileges of the erstwhile SDFC, properties moveable and immoveable, borrowings, liabilities and obligations vest in the Central Government from 3rd April, 1987 on the Shipping Development Fund Committee Abolition Act, 1986 coming into force. Similarly, all contracts etc., entered into, by the erstwhile SDFC are deemed to have been entered into or engaged to be done by with or for the Central Government in terms of the above Act. In respect of financing companies for acquisition of new merchant shipping vessels, the Shipping Credit & Investment Companies of India Ltd. (SCICI) has been set up with effect from 8th December, 1986 which will examine the requests for such financing on merits of each case.

During 1987-88, so far, Rs. 1.98 crores has been released as financial assistance.

Anomalies is Pay Fixation

1269. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1004 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 5th March, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the names of the Departments whose cases were received by the Department of Personnel during August 1985 for the removal of anomalies of seniors getting less pay than juniors;

(b) whether any case has been received by the Government in the aforesaid period to remove anomalies existing for more than 25 years in pay fixation; and

(c) if so, details thereof and the decision taken thereon by the Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) The names of the Departments|Ministries from whom cases had been received for removal of anomalies during August, 1985 are:

1. Department of Defence.
2. Ministry of Shipping & Transport.
3. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
4. Department of Culture.
5. Department of Industrial Development.
6. Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General.
7. Ministry of Commerce.
8. Department of Expenditure.

(b) and (c) As single file system is being followed, details of the individual cases are not maintained centrally.

रक्षा कार्मिकों के लिए चौथे वेतन आयोग की सिफारिशों का लागू किया जाना

1270. **श्री सूरज प्रसाद :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रक्षा कार्मिकों के मामले में चौथे वेतन आयोग की सिफारशें लागू कर दी गई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या सरकार जब तक रिपोर्ट लागू नहीं हो जाती है तब तक रक्षा कार्मिकों को अन्तरिम राहत देने का विचार रखती है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा अनुसंधान और विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरुण सिंह) : (क) और (ख) **वेतन ढांचे से संबंधित सिफारिशें** : जी हां । अफसर रैंक से नीचे के कार्मिकों के मामले में सरकार ने चतुर्थ केन्द्रीय वेतन आयोग की अधिकतर सिफारिशों के संबंध मे अपने निर्णय कार्यान्वित कर लिए हैं । संशोधित वेतनमानों, भत्तों आदि के बारे भारत सरकार के दिनांक 4 अक्तूबर, 1986 के संकल्प संख्या 1–अ में प्रकाशित किए गए हैं और इसकी प्रतियां संसद भवन के पुस्तकालय में उपलब्ध हैं ।

सशस्त्र सेना अफसरों के बारे में उनके संशोधित वेतनमानों, भत्तों आदि पर चतुर्थ केन्द्रीय वेतन आयोग की सिफारिशों पर सरकार के निर्णय 18 मार्च, 1987 के संकल्प संख्या 1–अ में निहित हैं, जिसे भारत सरकार के दिनांक 23 मार्च, 1987 के असाधारण राजपत्र में प्रकाशित किया गया है और इसकी प्रतियां भी संसद भवन के पुस्तकालय में उपलब्ध हैं । इन निर्णयों को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए व्यापक अनुदेश जारी किए जा रहे हैं ।

पेंशन ढांचे से संबंधित सिफारिशें : सशस्त्र सेना अफसरो और अफसर रैंक से नीचे के कार्मिकों के पेंशन ढांचे के बारे में संशोधित पेंशन ढांचों पर सरकार के निर्णय भारत सरकार के दिनांक 18 मार्च, 1987 के प्रकाशित असाधारण राजपत्र में दिनांक 18 मार्च, 1987 के संकल्प संख्या 2/13/87/पी आई सी में निहित हैं जिसकी प्रतियां संसद भवन के पुस्तकालय में उपलब्ध हैं । इन निर्णयों को कार्यान्वित करने के आदेश जारी किए जा रहे हैं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Affairs of 'India Abroad Publications', of New York

1271. **SHRI KALPNATH RAI**: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'India Abroad Publications, Inc.', a New York-based newspaper organisation has starated marketing a news and features service in India;

(b) whether its activity is within the laws of India since it is owned by an American citizen;

(c) if so, whether a copy of the agreement with the Indian counterpart will be laid on the Table of the House; and

(d) whether funds collected by the American owned organisation in India through sales of its services are being maintained and disbursed according to the relevant foreign exchange and other laws of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 'India Abroad Publications Inc., a New York based newspaper has an arrangement with National Press Agency, New Delhi for exchange of news features with each other. There is no written agreement between the two. No violation of any law by the NPA has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(d) This information is not maintained by this Ministry but by the Ministry of Finance.

Generation of Mandayes

1272. **SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE**: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what were the target of generation of mandays for the period 1980 to 1986 under National Rural Employment Programme, Rural Landless Employment Gurantee Programme and integrated Rural Development Programme in Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal; Ma-